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Serial No.: 09/939,061

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Title: THIN, HIGH CAPACITY ABSORBENT STRUCTURE
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME

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Washington, D.C. 20231

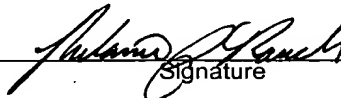
Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rules 1.56 and 1.98, References AA-AL (Sheet 1 of 4) and Reference AA (Sheet 2 of 4) listed on Form PTO-1449 are cited and discussed on Pages 4, 10, 16, 25 and 28 of the referenced patent application and are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this application.

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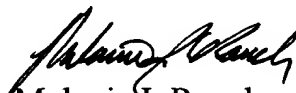
The following co-pending U.S. Patent application is also brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of the subject patent application:

Title: THIN, HIGH CAPACITY MULTI-LAYER
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Applicants: Lori Tassone HOLMES et al.
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A copy of this co-pending application is not enclosed.

Form PTO-1449 (4 pages) is enclosed with a copy of each and every reference cited on Form PTO-1449.

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